

### **Childers Honored for his 100% Pro-Small Business Voting Record**

#### ***Congressman Receives NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award***

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Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Travis Childers (MS-01) was honored today on Capitol Hill by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business association, as a Guardian of Small Business for his outstanding voting record on behalf of America's small business owners in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. Congressman Childers earned a 100% pro-small business voting record from the NFIB.

"I'm a small businessman myself, and I know how important keeping America's businesses competitive on a global scale is to creating and saving jobs at home and rebuilding our economy," said Congressman Childers. "I'm proud to be named a Guardian of Small Business and I will continue working hard to promote business growth in Mississippi and nationwide."

"Small business owners pay close attention to how their lawmakers vote on issues affecting their businesses. The Guardian award is a symbol of sincere appreciation from the small business community for votes that supported their ability to own, operate, and grow their businesses," said Dan Danner, president and CEO of NFIB. "Small business owners are also known to show their gratitude or disappointment at the ballot box. This November, NFIB members will know that Rep. Childers' voting record is one of a true small business champion."

Eligibility for the award is based on how Members of Congress vote on key small business issues, which the NFIB outlines in its annual publication *How They Voted*. Members of Congress who support the NFIB's position on at least 70% of those votes receive the award.

Rep. Childers' proven record of supporting small businesses includes the following:

- **Advocating for extension of tax cuts.** Childers is urging for the extension of all 2001 income tax cuts to support small businesses and enable them to continue contributing to our ongoing economic recovery.
- **Passed the *American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act*.** Includes a provision to extend lending for Mississippi's small businesses and increase government guarantees.
- **Passed the bipartisan *Small Business Jobs and Credit Act*.** Expands much-needed lending to small businesses and provide tax incentives to help America's small businesses grow and create jobs. The bill also offers tax incentives to spur immediate investments in America's small businesses, including tax deductions to help entrepreneurs recover more start-up expenses and lower capital gains taxes on small business investments.
- **Introduced the *Invest in Small Business Act*,** his first bill in Congress. Encourages investment by cutting the capital gains tax. Childers helped pass a similar provision through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [www.childers.house.gov](http://www.childers.house.gov)*

